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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: New

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For: **VALVE SEAT RINGS MADE OF BASIC CO OR CO/MO ALLOYS, AND
PRODUCTION THEREOF**

Attorney Docket No.: 3926.237

Customer Number: 30488

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attn: Mail Stop PCT
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.